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In re Application of: Ward, et al.
Serial No.: 10/086,584
Filing Date: February 28, 2002
Group Art Unit: 3727
Examiner: Mai, Tri M.
For: **Apparatus and Method for
Protecting and Wiping a Surface**

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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 TO RESPOND
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 22, 2003**

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on December 22, 2003. The Office Action established a three-month shortened

statutory time period to respond. If this petition for a three-month extension of time is granted, the response will be due and timely filed on or before June 22, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit a total of \$475.00 for the filing of this Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time for a small entity from the credit card detailed in the attached *Credit Card Payment Form* and reference Attorney Docket No. INVSC.4. No additional fees are believed to be required in connection with these filings. To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during prosecution of this application, including petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including any under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to the above-referenced credit card. Please credit any overpayments to this same credit card.

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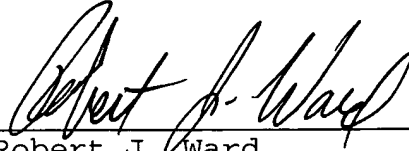
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Respectfully submitted,

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